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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ABOUT SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

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1. ACCORDING TO GOG OFFICIALS, CONSTRUCTION OF URBAN SEWERAGE COLLECTION SYSTEMS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN PHASES. OF THREE PROJECTS PLANNED FOR ACCRA, KUMASI AND TAKORADI, ONLY THE FIRST STATE OF THE ACCRA SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IT HAS APPROX. 30 KM UNDERGROUND LINES IN PIPE SIZE OF 9 THROUGH 39 INCHES DIAMETER, SEPARATE FROM STORM DRAINS, AND HAS TWO MEDIUM-SIZE PUMPING SUBSTATIONS LINKED TO A LARGER, MAIN STATION WHICH DISCHARGES INTO THE OCEAN ABOUT 4,000 FEET OFFSHORE. CONTRACT FOR KUMASI SEWERAGE SYSTEM HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN AWARDED AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1982. IT WILL HAVE ABOUT 5 KM UNDERGROUND PIPE LINES IN SIZES RANGING FROM 6 THROUGH 36 INCHES DIAMETER. SYSTEM WILL BE SEPARATE FROM STORM DRAINS AND WILL WORK INTO TREATMENT PLANTS. THE TAKORADI PROJECT IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

2. PRESENT CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT IS MODEST AND CONSISTS MAINLY OF ONE FORD TRUCK MOUNTED WITH WERMER (GERMAN) PUMPING UNIT FOR HIGH PRESSURE FLUSHING. THERE IS NEED FOR MORE OF THIS AND OTHER TYPES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL INCREASE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, PERSISTENT FOREIGN

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EXCHANGE CONSTRAINT LIMITS PROSPECTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL SALES IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH THE GHANA WATER AND SEWERAGE CORP. (THE GOG AGENCY SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS OF SEWERAGE FACILITIES) IS MAJOR POTENTIAL BUYER, IT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR U.S. FIRMS TO SEEK LOCAL AGENT DISTRIBUTOR TO EFFECTIVELY EXPLORE THIS MARKET. HOLMES

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